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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/705,285	Applicant(s) ETCHEVERRY ET AL.	
	Examiner Michael Pak	Art Unit 1646	

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Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 September 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 24-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 27 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 24-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
 a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Claims 24-27 are pending. Claims 24-26 are examined below. Claim 27 is withdrawn. Claims 1-23 have been cancelled previously.
2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
3. Applicant's arguments filed 23 September 2003 have been fully considered but they are not found persuasive.

Double Patenting

4. Claims 24-26 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-13 of U.S. Patent No. 5,721,121. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because all the claims have overlapping limitations and claims 1-13 of U.S. Patent No. 5,721,121 anticipates the claims 24-26 of the present application.

Applicants argue that it would not be obvious to design a process which is applicable to all heterologous proteins which is characterized solely by the fact that the production phase is performed at a temperature lower than the temperature of the growth phase. However, as indicated by the applicant the claims of U.S. Patent No.

5,721,121 are narrower than the generic claims 24-26 claimed in the current application and thus anticipates the generic claims 24-26. All the limitations are present in the claims 1-13 of U.S. Patent No. 5,721,121.

5. Claims 24-26 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 5,705,364. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because all the claims have overlapping limitations and claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 5,705,364 anticipates the claims 24-26 of the present application.

Applicants argue that it would not be obvious to design a process which is applicable to all heterologous proteins which is characterized solely by the fact that the production phase is performed at a temperature lower than the temperature of the growth phase. However, as indicated by the applicant the claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 5,705,364 are narrower than the generic claims 24-26 claimed in the current application and thus anticipates the generic claims 24-26. All the limitations are present in the claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 5,705,364.

6. No claims are allowed.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Pak, whose telephone number is (703) 305-

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7038. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler, can be reached on (703) 308-6564.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1235.

Michael D. Pak

Michael Pak
Primary Patent Examiner
Art Unit 1646
9 January 2003